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*To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the JOINT
COMMITTEE for the UNITED SANITARY
DISTRICTS of EAST BERKS.*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the thirty-eighth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the East Berks United Sanitary Districts.

The year under review has been an uneventful one from a Public Health point of view, with extremely satisfactory vital statistics. The population of the area is 113,200 compared with 112,245 for last year. The Live Birth Rate is 17.5 compared with 19.2 for last year. The Death Rate is 10.4 compared with 11.8 last year.

The Infant Mortality Rate is the lowest on record, being 22 per 1000 live births, compared with 28 for last year.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that I have again to place on record the high standard of efficiency maintained in the Health Departments of the six constituent Authorities, and the splendid team spirit of the staff.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. MOORE,
Medical Officer of Health.

“The Wilderness,”
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July, 1949.

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Maidenhead Municipal Borough.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	5,007
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1948	7,326
Rateable Value, 1st April 1949	£222,217
Product of a Penny Rate	£882

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of: Population at middle of 1948	26,790
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BIRTHS.

Live Births.

					<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate					222	216
Illegitimate					28	18
Total					250	234

Live Birth Rate.
18.1

Still Births.

					<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate					6	6
Illegitimate					0	1
Total					6	7

Still Birth Rate.
0.48

DEATHS.

Deaths (All Causes).

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
294	135	159

Death Rate.
10.9

Infant Deaths.

<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
10	6	4

Infant Death Rate.
21

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Maternal Deaths.

1

*Deaths from Tuberculosis.**Males. Female.*

Pulmonary	9	8
Non-pulmonary	0	2

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	0.71
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.64
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.07

CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAIDENHEAD URBAN DISTRICT, 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES							135	159
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	9	8
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	5
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	23	18
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	10	22
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	31	52
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	4	10
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	9	3
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	6	4
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	6	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
34.	Road traffic accident	5	2
35.	Other violent causes	2	2
36.	All other causes	16	11

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

IMMUNISATION.

A Clinic is held at "The Wilderness" on the first Saturday of the month for immunising children against Diphtheria. During 1948, 333 children received the full course of treatment and the total number of children immunised since 1940 including those done at the schools is 5,434.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below:

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1948.

(*other than Tuberculosis*).

<i>Diseases.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	6	3	0
Measles	186	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	7	0	0
Pneumonia	8	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	2	2	1
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	6	2	0
Scarlet Fever	13	11	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	127	0	0

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AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1948.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years.</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	2
Measles	...	6	18	14	23	18	98	5	1	2	1	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3	2
Polio-myelitis	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	1	—
Scarlet Fever	...	1	—	—	1	2	6	—	2	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough		5	12	17	20	13	52	—	2	2	1	1	2

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1944-1948.

<i>Disease.</i>			1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	0	1	1	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	1	4	3	0	0
Dysentery	...	...	0	18	2	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	1	0	1	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	2	2	3	2	6
Malaria	...	...	1	1	1	0	0
Measles	...	...	2	212	19	197	186
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	0	0	0	8	7
Pneumonia	...	...	3	2	1	8	8
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	0	0	0	2	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	0	0	0	8	2
Puerperal Fever	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	7	3	2	1	6
Scarlet Fever	...	...	29	25	4	6	13
Smallpox	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	12	3	13	36	137

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution). These requirements are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year, are set out in the table below:

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TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods</i>		NEW CASES				DEATHS			
		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pulm.</i>		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pulm.</i>	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	...	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1
5—15	„	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
15—25	„	4	6	—	—	1	3	—	—
25—35	„	2	5	—	—	1	2	—	—
35—45	„	5	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55	„	6	1	—	—	4	—	—	—
55—65	„	3	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
65 and over	...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	...	21	14	1	3	10	8	—	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—
2 out of 19 equals 10.52%.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Health Visiting.

The following is a summary of the visits paid by the Health Visitors during the year:—

To expectant mothers:

First visits	...	...	...	105
Total visits	...	...	...	116

To children under 1 year:

First visits	419
Total visits	3,141

To children between 1 and 5 years:

Total visits	3,321
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Child Life Protection.

Number of homes on register	...	8
Number of children on register	...	20

Infant Welfare Centres.

Record of attendances during the year:

	<i>Under 1 year.</i>	<i>1-5 years.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
(a) The Wilderness ...	2,925	1,379	4,304
(b) Burbery Hall ...	2,673	1,267	3,940

Ante-Natal Clinic.

Number of attendances during the year: 1,945.

WATER SUPPLY.

MAIDENHEAD PUMPING STATION.

Sixty-four samples of water from the Maidenhead Wells were tested by the Royal Institute of Public Health during the year, and all were returned as satisfactory.

COOKHAM PUMPING STATION.

Sixty-three samples from the Cookham Wells were tested and certified as satisfactory by the Royal Institute of Public Health.

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CHEMICAL EXAMINATION.

<i>Physical Characters.</i>	<i>Maidenhead Wells.</i>	<i>Cookham Wells.</i>
Reaction	Neutral	Neutral
Colour in 2ft. stratum ...	Clear Pale Blue	Clear Pale Blue
Suspended Matters	Nil	Nil
Taste	Nil	Nil
Odour when warmed to 37° c.		
<i>Chemical Characters.</i>		
Total Solids dried at 100° c.	50.5	48.5
Loss on Ignition (after re-car.)	7.5	10.5
Chlorine in Chlorides ...	3.80	2.40
Chlorine \times 1.647—Sodium Chloride	6.26	3.95
Nitrites	Nil	Trace
Nitrogen as Nitrates ...	0.40	0.55
Saline Ammonia	0.001	0.014
Albumoid Ammonia	0.0024	0.004
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hours at 37° c.	0.011	0.011
Total Hardness (Parts	29.0	29.0
Temp'ary Hardness (per	23.0	20.0
Perm'n't Hardness (100,000	6.0	9.0

The following Report has been received from the Borough Surveyor.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

A few further cesspools taking the drainage of houses in areas where public sewers are available have been eliminated during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There has been a marked improvement in the collection of house refuse during 1948, and the Council has maintained, though not without some difficulty, a regular weekly collection of house refuse from all occupied premises in the Borough.

Cesspools and street gullies continue to be emptied by motor vacuum tanks.

Labour conditions are now making it difficult to keep the streets and footways in the Borough as clean as the Council wishes. In order to get over the difficulties which have arisen, the Council has placed an order for a Lewin Road Sweeper Collector.

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SEWAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL.

A satisfactory effluent has been maintained from the Sewage Disposal Works but some trouble has recently been experienced in removing suspended solids from the final effluent. The Council is investigating methods by which this trouble may be eliminated.

The Cookham Rural District Council have agreed in principle the terms upon which the Borough Council will accept sewage from the Parish of Bray at the Council's Sewage Disposal Works.

House refuse continues to be disposed of by control tipping on a site adjoining the Sewage Disposal Works.

The Council continues to give facilities to Reading University for research work on the composting of house refuse and sewage sludge.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE BOROUGH.

Following is the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year.

This summary does not include notices served under the Housing Act, 1936, for which see special report under Housing Statistics.

*Health Department,
"The Wilderness,"
Cookham Road,
Maidenhead.*

*To Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health.*

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to present the report on the work carried out during the year ending 31st December, 1948.

Visits and Revisits to premises	...	...	...	...	4,904
Complaints	...	...	...	...	592
Formal Notices	...	...	...	...	25
Informal Notices	418
Notices complied with	363
School Exclusion Notices	12

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Nature of Nuisances dealt with during the year:

Defective and insufficient cesspools	6
„ „ „ inspection chambers	7
Defective drains	6
Choked drains	103
Choked and foul W.C. pans	59
Defective Flushing cisterns	26
„ Soil and Ventilating pipes	1
„ Waste pipes	12
„ Waste water fitments	7
„ Gutters and Stackpipes	33
„ Roofs	52
„ Chimney stacks	9
Damp premises	68
Defective Water service pipes	19
„ Floors	31
„ Grates and coppers	29
„ Windows, Skylights and Doors	39
„ Plaster (walls and ceilings)	70
Dirty walls and ceilings	12
Insufficient ventilation to rooms	1
Defective or insufficient refuse receptacles	50
Offensive accumulations	8
Animals improperly kept	4
Miscellaneous	70

Summary of Inspections:

Slaughterhouse and Meat Transport Vehicles	570
Bakehouses	37
Ice Cream Premises	97
Other Food Premises	117
Dairies and Cowsheds	116
Pigs (Slaughtered under licence)	43
Pig Sties	24
Food Inspection	277
Knacker's Yard	16
Shops	318
Reinspections	477
Premises on Complaints	477
Housing (including enquiries and over-crowding)	366
Housing reinspections	129
Moveable Dwellings	262
Shed Dwellings	7
Underground Rooms	25
Smoke Abatement	9
Drainage Inspections	1,022

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Infectious Disease	95
Cesspools	57
Public Conveniences	11
Private Swimming Pool	3
Public Swimming Pool	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factories with Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	160
Factories without Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Dangerous structures	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,547

Drain Tests:

Drains tested with water	30
„ „ „ smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains passed after examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

Disinfection:

Rooms disinfected after Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ „ „ Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
„ „ „ Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
„ „ „ Other Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Library Books disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

Articles Steam Disinfected at the Isolation Hospital:

Blankets	...	...	...	...	...	...	373
Bolsters and Pillows	...	...	...	...	...	...	484
Mattresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	268
Other Articles of Bedding	...	...	...	...	...	...	126
Bundles of Bedding	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cushions	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Rugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Clothing (bundles)	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ (articles)	...	...	...	...	...	...	203
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	43

Disinfestation:

Verminous Rooms	44
Premises for flies	17
Other insect pests	51

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MILK AND DAIRIES.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops:

Number on Register:—

Wholesale Producers	6
Producer Retailers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	9
Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	9

Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926:—

Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	5
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	5

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1936 to 1946.

Dealers Bottling Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	4
Dealers Retailing Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	5
Supplementary Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	1
Licences to Pasteurise Milk	...	2
Dealers Retailing Licences—Pasteurised Milk	...	1
Supplementary Licences	...	2

Bacteriological Examination of Milk Samples:

			Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	8	10
Tuberculin Tested Milk (Pasteurised)	...	...	8	1
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	7	1
Heat Treated Milk	...	...	2	0
Non-designated Milk	...	...	6	3

*Biological Examination of Milk Samples for Presence of
Tubercle Bacilli.*

Five samples of milk were submitted for examination for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli. In every case the report indicated that the milk was not infected with Tubercle Bacilli.

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ICE CREAM SAMPLES.

No. of Ice Cream samples submitted for bacteriological examination	42
No. of samples Provisional Grade 1			...	...	...	13
„ „ „ „ „ 2			...	...	...	10
„ „ „ „ „ 3			...	...	...	6
„ „ „ „ „ 4			...	...	...	13

WATER SAMPLES.

					<i>Satisfactory.</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory.</i>
No. of samples for Chemical Analysis	...	...	...	...	2	0
No. of samples for Bacteriological Examination	...	...	...	...	4	1

CENTRAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

Post-mortem inspection of all animals slaughtered at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse is carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors and details of inspections, condemned meat and offal are given in the following table.

The existing slaughterhouse leaves much to be desired and the Council are anxious to provide a Public Abattoir, but although representatives of the Council have been received by the Ministry of Food, approval to the construction of an Abattoir has not been forthcoming.

The vehicles used for the transport of meat operate from the Windsor Depot of the South Eastern Wholesale Meat Supply Association and, in addition to being used for the delivery of wrapped imported meat and imported meat products, are used for the transport of home-killed meat and offal from Maidenhead Slaughterhouse to the butchers' shops in the Borough and the Cookham Rural District. Fresh meat is placed on the floors of these vehicles and the persons handling the meat are obliged to stand on the floors of the vans during the process of loading and unloading.

Representations have been made to the Ministry of Food with the object of securing improved methods of handling and more suitable vehicles for the transport of meat.

MEAT.

Livestock	Number Slaugh- tered	Total weights (lbs.)		Condemned Carcase			Weights (lbs.) Offal			Percentages Carcase		Condemned Offal	
		Carcase	Offal	Tuber- culosis	Other Causes	Other Causes	Tuber- culosis	Other Causes	Other Causes	Tuber- culosis	Other Causes	Tuber- culosis	Other Causes
BEASTS	1,226	823,487	86,418	7,787	290	8,257	6,153	.95	.04	7.12	9.55		
CALVES	1,064	57,363	12,060	324	128	77	89	.56	.74	.22	.64		
SHEEP	2,666	148,504	22,587	—	15	2,129	—	—	.01	—	9.43		
PIGS	17	3,058	184	—	241	27	6	—	7.88	3.25	14.67		
TOTALS	4,973	1,032,412	121,249	8,111	674	10,490	6,248						

TOTAL CONDEMNED :

Tuberculosis :—	6 tons	8 cwts.	0 qrs.	23 lbs.
Others Causes :—	4 tons	19 cwts.	2 qrs.	20 lbs.

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UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned, surrendered and disposed of, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

Bacon	10 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.	Oatmeal	97 lbs.
Biscuits	1 lb.	Potatoes	6 lbs.
Butter	81 lbs.	Prunes	3 lbs.
Chicken	3 lbs.	Sugar	260 lbs.
Chocolate	17 lbs.	Sweets	92 lbs.
Cheese	3 lbs.	Sago	122 lbs.
Custard Powder	115 lbs.	Sausages	12 lbs.
Dried Egg	5 lbs.	Sausage meat ...	48 lbs.
Duck	58 lbs.	Tea	5 lbs.
Fruit Pulp	4,315 lbs.	Crumpets	758
Flour	18 lbs.	Various Foods ...	1,813 tins
Fish	1,025 lbs.	„ „	337 pkts.
Meat (other than		„ „	137 jars.
home killed) ...	89 lbs.	„ „	13 bots.

DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD.

The bodies of five persons were buried in accordance with the provisions of Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

RODENT CONTROL.

The Rodent Control Staff of the Borough now consists of the Rodent Officer and one assistant. Treatment on the block system, referred to in previous Reports, has continued to show encouraging and beneficial results.

Details of the work carried out during the year are submitted below :

Visits on complaint	...	...	...	...	...	185
Visits for extermination	...	...	...	...	...	2,316
Premises cleared	...	...	...	...	...	379
Estimated kill	...	...	Rats:	1,830	Mice:	300
Number of bodies found	...	...	Rats:	441	Mice:	106

This total does not include the treatment of the Sewage Works and Refuse Tip where 168 bodies were picked up. The estimated kill being 550 rats.

Treatment of the sewers was carried out during the year and 121 manholes were test baited for rats. No test baits were taken.

(Signed) F. G. BISHOP,
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows:—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	345
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	988
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	4
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	4
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	219

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	174
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year:*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	Nil

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B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts:*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	25
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners	24
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ...	Nil

C. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Acts, 1936:*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted	2
(3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:*

(1) Number of underground rooms in respect of which undertakings were accepted	6
(2) Number of underground rooms rendered fit for habitation and undertakings determined	4

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

There is still a number of cases of overcrowding in the district, and whilst every effort is made to relieve the most urgent cases, the problem cannot be solved completely until more housing accommodation is available.

Many of the older houses are steadily deteriorating, and, in view of the conditions of such houses, the need of the occupiers for re-housing is as great and that of families living in rooms under overcrowded conditions.

It soon will be necessary to remove the worst of these houses and provide housing accommodation for the persons displaced, such action to run concurrently with the general housing programme.

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ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937)

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities ...	1	75	160	7	—
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	67	97	3	—
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (ex- cluding out-work- ers' premises) ...	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		142	257	10	—

MAIDENHEAD MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	M/c line No.	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecut'ns were instituted
		Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insp'tor	Referred By H.M. Insp'tor	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness ...	4	16	16	—	—	—
Overcrowding	5	1	1	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture	6	—	—	1	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	1	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	10	14	12	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	1	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not in- cluding offences re- lating to Homework)	12	10	8	1	—	—
TOTAL	60	42	37	3	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.
OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out- workers in Aug. list re- quired by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instanc- es of work in un- whole- some pr'mis's	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing apparel :							
Making, etc. ...	13	20	—	—	—	—	—
Brush making ...	35	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	70	21		—	—	—	—

Inadequate means of escape in case of fire:—

Discovered	4
Remedied	2

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	3,404
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book						
at end of 1948	...	...	...	...	...	2,471
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1949			...	...	...	£58,326
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£220

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of:						
Population at middle of 1948	...	...	...	...	...	8,240

BIRTHS.

Live Births.							
						Males.	Females.
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	73	66
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Total	...	...	...	...	...	76	70
Live Birth Rate.							
17.7							

Still Births.							
						Males.	Females.
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Still Birth Rate.							
0.36							

DEATHS.

Deaths (all Classes).	Total.	Males.	Females.
	119	60	59
Death Rate.			
14.4			
Infant Deaths.	Total.	Males.	Females.
	5	3	2
Infant Death Rate.			
34.			
Maternal Deaths.			
Nil.			

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Deaths from Tuberculosis.

					<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	1	0
Non-pulmonary	0	0

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	0.12
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.12
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT, 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES							60	59
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	5	4
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	4	14
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	14	12
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	7	4
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	—	—
35.	Other violent causes	2	2
36.	All other causes	11	10

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the number of children immunised against Diphtheria was 81. Previous to 1948 there has been 1,934 immunisations carried out, making a grand total of 2,015.

The following tables set out the main particulars in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases for the year 1948.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1948.
(other than Tuberculosis).

<i>Diseases.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	4	1	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	4	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	78	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	9	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	3	2	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	9	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1948.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years.</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Dysentery	...	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Measles	...	4	6	3	10	10	43	1	1	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	1	3
Polio-myelitis	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough		1	—	—	2	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—

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LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1944-48.

<i>Disease.</i>			1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	0	0	0	1	0
Diphtheria	...	...	0	2	4	3	0
Dysentery	...	...	0	0	0	0	4
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)			1	0	0	1	0
Erysipelas	...	...	1	0	0	2	4
Malaria	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	0	8	7	54	78
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	0	1	4	1	1
Pneumonia	...	...	0	0	3	1	9
Polio-myelitis	...	...	0	0	0	2	2
Puerperal Fever	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia		...	0	0	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	15	3	2	1	3
Smallpox	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	0	0	12	16	9

TUBERCULOSIS.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>			NEW CASES				DEATHS			
			<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulm.</i>		<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulm.</i>	
			M	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	„	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25	„	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	„	...	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	„	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	„	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	„	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	...		1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	...		5	3	—	—	1	—	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—*Nil.*

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WATER SUPPLY.

A total of 21 visits have been made regarding water supplies and 10 samples have been taken.

The water supplied to the Borough by the Mid-Wessex Water Company has continued to be adequate and wholesome. With the exception of isolated parcels of land where development has taken place with the usual services, no complaints have been received. There are still 48 houses not having a piped supply.

Consideration was given to a proposed water main extension at Dowles Green, and it is anticipated work will be commenced early in 1949. The Scheme aims to provide a piped water supply for a number of farms and cottages in that area, at present served by wells.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

One hundred and sixty-five visits were made to various drainage works in the Borough, this number including visits under the Building Bye-laws.

The position regarding main drainage is similar to that of water supply; the Borough being well served except where sporadic development has taken place.

The two sewage works and the Pumping Station have functioned well during the year, and periodic sampling by the Thames Conservancy Inspectors indicates the effluent is satisfactory. A scheme has been prepared for the collection and drying of the sludge at Ashridge Works, and it is hoped this will commence in 1949.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Careful supervision has been maintained to ensure that streams within the Borough are not polluted. There was no evidence of pollution during the year under review.

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CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The number of earth closets in the Borough is still relatively high, although several new connections to the sewer have been made. It is proposed to make a survey of all premises not connected to the sewer to ascertain the number where such connections are practicable. Seventy-one premises have earth closet accommodation.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

WET SCAVENGING.

The number of cesspools still in use will show a definite reduction when the Woosehill Lane sewer is constructed. The scheme has been provisionally approved and it is hoped to commence this work in 1949.

The number of cesspools in the Borough as compared with previous years is shown by the following tabulated table:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Cesspools in Use.</i>
1930	645
1935	253
1940	196
1945	144
1947	105
1948	115

Cesspools are emptied by the Council's exhaustor, the contents being discharged into the main sewerage system by means of a convenient manhole. No charge is made where the public sewer is not available, providing the emptying is limited to one per month.

Figures for 1948 are:—

No. of cesspools emptied	670
Quantity removed	751,600galls.

(An average of 1,122 gallons per cesspool).

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DRY SCAVENGING.

House refuse in the built-up areas of the Borough is collected by an S.D. refuse freighter once per week. The more scattered areas are served fortnightly by an open lorry. Business premises in the town receive special attention, the collections being twice weekly or weekly according to circumstances. Consideration will be given in 1949 for a second refuse collecting vehicle to bring the service in the outlying areas into line with the more populated centre. The additional vehicle will also be necessary to cater for the needs of the new housing estates.

The figures for Refuse Collection are as follows:—

No of loads collected	...	...	...	1,228
Cubic yards collected	...	...	...	8,596
Cost of Collection	...	...	...	£2,129 3s. 5d.
Cost per cubic yard	...	...	...	4s. 11½d.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Molly Millars Lane and Bucks Copse.

A recent survey shows that nearly 400 properties in the Borough require new dustbins, and during the year under review a commencement was made to enforce the provision of receptacles, sixty-five visits being made for this purpose.

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RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM, 1948.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Depth in inches</i>	<i>Greatest fall in 24 hours Depth in inches</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>No. of days with</i>	
				<i>.01 or more ins.</i>	<i>.04 or more ins.</i>
January	3.86	.66	29th	22	18
February	.81	.27	3rd	11	7
March	.61	.49	31st	4	2
April	1.25	.38	3rd	11	9
May	2.51	.65	29th	11	10
June	1.55	.22	18th	17	15
July	.82	.26	4th	10	5
August	2.18	.47	2nd	10	9
September	2.18	.80	12th	10	8
October	2.16	.52	16th	12	8
November	1.72	.50	6th	11	7
December	2.77	.78	31st	17	14
	22.42			146	112

COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Total Rainfall in inches.</i>				<i>Number of days with .01" or more.</i>		
1947	16.73	...	...	123
1946	28.94	...	...	152
1945	19.77	...	...	128
1944	19.98	...	...	136
1943	20.20	...	...	124
Average for 47 years	25.21	...	...	169

CAMPING SITES.

There are no licensed camping sites within the Borough. Two sites in Stanley Road used by showmen during the winter months have been maintained satisfactorily, eight visits being made for this purpose. Two applications were refused during the year.

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SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

The newly acquired Martins Swimming Pool operated throughout the summer, three samples of water being taken from different points each week. Excepting occasional peak loads the samples were satisfactory. The water is purified by pressure filtration and chlorination with additional applications of chlorine by hand when the need arises.

By arrangement with the Education Authority parties of children from local schools are brought daily for swimming instruction during the summer season.

DISINFESTATIONS.

Fifteen disinfestations and 18 subsequent visits were carried out in the Borough. In the majority of cases, bugs were the cause of complaint, and arrangements have now been made with the Housing Manager to spray all new Council Houses with D.D.T. upon completion. The vacated premises are then treated prior to re-occupation.

SCHOOLS.

A survey carried out during the year shows that the sanitary accommodation in schools is not entirely satisfactory. Consultations are now being carried out with the County Architect and the Education Committee, and it is hoped these will effect an improvement in the near future.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Fourteen inspections were carried out regarding infectious diseases, including the number of premises fumigated after Scarlet Fever.

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HOUSING.

During the year considerable progress was made in the erection of new houses for the overcrowded and badly housed families living in the Borough. A total of fifty-eight permanent houses were completed by the Council, including ten bungalows for old age pensioners. In addition, five private enterprise houses were completed. A further fifty-two houses are nearing completion.

Number of houses erected during the year 1948:—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) )	...	...	...	...	...	63
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts—						
(1) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	58
(2) By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	5

A further 11 units of accommodation are nearing completion at Toutley Camp.

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	134
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose						325
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated)) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	1
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	134

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	110
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year:* 5 Notices Served.
4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding:* No action.

In addition to the above figures, 193 inspections were made for the purpose of housing allocations and building licences.

DAINGEROUS BUILDINGS.

One building was demolished as being structurally unfit and dangerous to persons in the vicinity.

PUBLIC HOUSES, PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT, ETC.

A total of 70 visits have been made in a survey which included all licensed premises, cinemas and dance halls, etc. In most cases work was required, and the owners have been requested to expedite repairs where necessary. To date 15 premises have been completed and in all remaining cases plans are in course of preparation or the repairs are in hand. In all public houses hot and cold water has been insisted on, and to date no trouble has been experienced in persuading brewers to accept such a provision.

FOOD PREMISES.

During the year the Register of preserved food premises was revised and brought up to date. A total of 110 inspections were carried out to ensure all food shops were maintained in a high standard of cleanliness. Preserved Food Premises within the scope of Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act 1938 received particular attention, all work required being carried out without delay. Subsequent to complaints, three food samples were taken.

BAKEHOUSES.

All Bakehouses in the Borough were inspected and in five cases lime-washing was requested. A total of 23 visits were made to these premises, and the lime-washing and repairs required were carried out without undue delay.

CAFE AND RESTAURANT PREMISES.

During the latter part of 1948, cafes and restaurant premises were inspected. Many premises require considerable work to bring them into line with present day standards, and an effort will be made to ensure such repairs and decorations are completed early in the new year.

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ICE CREAM.

All ice cream consumed within the Borough is either pre-wrapped or manufactured in another District. Every effort has been made to improve the hygiene where such ice cream is sold, and 20 visits have been made for this purpose. Ten samples have been taken, and in cases where the product has graded "unsatisfactory" after repeat samples have been taken, the retailer has been persuaded to terminate his contract with the manufacturer concerned.

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops is shown in the following tabular statement:—

Number on Register:						
Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	9
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	10
			<i>Tuberculin</i>		<i>Pasteu-</i>	
			<i>Tested.</i>	<i>Accredited.</i>	<i>ried.</i>	
No. of Producers licensed	...	...	2	—	—	
„ „ Retailers	...	...	8	—	2	
„ „ Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	...	13
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926:						
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	10
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	10
Contraventions of Public Health Acts:						
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	38

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

All meat was supplied through the Ministry of Food Regional Establishment at Reading. Twenty-one cottager's pigs were inspected after slaughter and found to be free from disease.

The following foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

Beef	...	...	363 lbs.	Fruit	...	...	664 tins
Pork	...	...	10 lbs.	Fish	...	...	64 tins
Liver	...	...	11½ lbs.	Vegetables	...	...	121 tins
Bacon	...	...	4¾ lbs.	Milk	...	...	62 tins
Prawns	...	...	66 lbs.	Meat	...	...	96 tins
Sausages	...	...	23 lbs.	Bacon	...	...	2 tins
Suet	...	...	28 lbs.	Soups	...	...	7 tins
Potatoes	...	...	30 lbs.	Cereals	...	...	1 pkt.
Prunes	75 lbs.	Cheese	65 boxes
Fish	8 stone.	Sausage Rolls	20 doz.
Sausage Meal	1 cwt.				

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RODENT CONTROL.

The Wokingham Joint Rodent Control Committee functioned satisfactorily throughout the year, the Joint Committee comprising of members of both Wokingham Borough and Wokingham Rural District Councils. The rodent staff consists of a Rodent Control Officer and two Operators.

The number of visits for the year 1948 is as follows:—

Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	96
Premises treated	...	...	...	...	...	161
Premises cleared	...	...	...	...	...	112
Premises under treatment	...	...	...	...	...	6
Additional visits re. treatment	...	...	...	...	...	667

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937)

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises	M/c line No.	Number on Register	Number of		
			Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	14	20	6	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	38	47	8	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		52	67	14	—

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2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	M/c line No.	No of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecut'ns were instituted
		Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Insp'tor	By H.M. Insp'tor	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness ...	4	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:						
(a) insufficient ...	9	7	7	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	4	4	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences (not in- cluding offences re- lating to Homework)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	60	14	14	—	1	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out- workers in Aug. list re- quired by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- whole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing apparel: Making, etc. ...	13	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	1	—	—	—	—	—

Cookham
Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	24,901
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1948	3,771
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1949	£101,632
Product of a Penny Rate (Estimated)	£400

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of:	
Population at middle of 1948	12,970

BIRTHS.

						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
<i>Live Births.</i>							
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	105	90
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	6	8
Total	...	...	...	...	...	111	98

Live Birth Rate.
16.1.

<i>Still Births.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Total	...	...	...	...	...	1	2

Still Birth Rate.
0.23.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (all Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	123	55	68

Death Rate.
9.5.

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	4	2	2

Infant Death Rate.
19.

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

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Deaths from Tuberculosis.

						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	2	1
Non-pulmonary	0	0

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.23
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.23
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
ALL CAUSES						55	68
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	1
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	4	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	3	1
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	3
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	5	10
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	—
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	5	11
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	16	19
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	1	3
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	5	3
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	—	3
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	2	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	2	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	1	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	1	1
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	—	4
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	—	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	1	1
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	1	1
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	1	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	1	—
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	3	3

COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT
INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 173 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 1,902 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 2,075.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below:—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1948.
(other than Tuberculosis.)

					Total cases notified.	Cases ad- mitted to Hospital.	Deaths of notified cases.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	39	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	11	0	0
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	6	4	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	57	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1948.

Disease.	Years.	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Measles	...	—	3	5	8	7	11	—	1	2	1	1	—
Pneumonia	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	5
Polio-myelitis	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough		3	5	2	8	5	30	2	1	—	1	—	—

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LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1944–1948.

<i>Disease.</i>			1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	2	0	2	0	0
Dysentery	...	...	0	12	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid	...	...	0	0	1	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	4	3	1	2	1
Malaria	...	...	1	0	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	11	206	23	120	39
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	6	3	2	4	11
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	0	0	0	1	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	0	0	0	2	1
Puerperal Fever	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	31	16	8	4	6
Smallpox	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	63	20	16	38	57

TUBERCULOSIS

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS			
	<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulm.</i>		<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulm.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
15—25 „	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
25—35 „	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 „	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
45—55 „	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
55—65 „	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals	6	7	4	4	3	1	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—*Nil.*

COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

WATER SUPPLY.

The greater part of the Rural District is served by a piped water supply, the main source being the Maidenhead Waterworks Company. No complaints have been received during the year regarding the quality of the water.

A small number of houses in the District are without a piped water supply, 28 at the Bourne End river area accounting for the majority of these.

No. of samples of water taken ...	...	...	...	11
No. found to be satisfactory ...	...	...	...	7
No. found to be unsatisfactory ...	...	...	...	4

These four samples were from rainwater wells serving a row of twelve houses, and the results showed evidence of fæcal pollution. These wells are not in use as the twelve houses have a piped water supply.

DRY SCAVENGING.

This service has been carried out by the three Refuse Collecting Vehicles owned by the Council and one hired lorry. The service has not been entirely satisfactory, but with the provision of two new machines which have been ordered by the Council and an improvement in the labour situation, a much better service should be provided in the future.

WET SCAVENGING.

Cesspool emptying is carried out by the Council in four of the seven Parishes in the area. Four Cesspool Vehicles are employed and this is barely sufficient to give a reasonable service. A new 1,000 gallon Cesspool Emptier will shortly be delivered from the makers and a considerable improvement should then be noted in this service.

COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ending 31st December, 1948:—

“Oaklands,”
1, Bath Road,
M Maidenhead.
(Tel.: 252).

To: Dr. W. B. Moore,
 Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to present my report of work carried out during the year ending 31st December, 1948.

The total number of visits made during the year are summarised as follows:—

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	98
„ „ Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	142
„ „ „ „ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	92
„ „ Visits re. Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	66
„ „ „ „ Drainage	...	...	...	...	104
„ „ „ „ Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	16
„ „ „ „ Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	20
„ „ „ „ Factories	...	...	...	...	20
„ „ „ „ Shops	...	...	...	...	49
„ „ „ „ Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	10
„ „ „ „ Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	36
„ „ „ „ Cowsheds and Dairies	...	...	...	...	70
„ „ Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	309

The main Nuisances dealt with were:—

Blocked Drains	...	...	...	...	...	5
Defective Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	5
Cesspools repaired	...	...	...	...	...	20
W.C. pans repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
W.C. Cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	4
Earth Closets	...	...	...	...	...	1
Provision of Dust Bins	...	...	...	...	...	19
Defective Roofs	...	...	...	...	...	15
„ Walls	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ Ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ Floors	...	...	...	...	...	21
Fire Grates	...	...	...	...	...	5
Defective Yard Paving	...	...	...	...	...	11

COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to milk supply is shown by the following tabular statement:—

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register:—

Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	59
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	8
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dairy Farms licensed to produce:—						
Accredited Milk	...	...	...	...	...	15
Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	...	...	...	29
Non-designated Milk	...	...	...	...	...	23
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	...	...	...	...	...	1
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	1

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

The bulk of Home-killed meat allocated to the District is obtained from the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse at Maidenhead, and the imported meat from the Cold Storage Depot at Windsor.

UN SOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned foodstuffs were surrendered and condemned after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:—

Jellied Veal	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Orange Juice	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	29 tins
Canned Corned Beef	...	...	...	...	...	15 tins
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	22 lbs.
Eggs	...	...	...	...	...	80

RODENT CONTROL.

A full-time Rodent Operative is employed by the Council. The destruction of rats and mice is carried out free of charge to all private dwelling houses, but a charge to cover expenses is made to business premises.

In addition to all outside visits, etc., regular inspections are made to the Council's refuse tips, sewage farms and Depot.

The following is a summary of the work carried out during 1948:—

Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	334
Total number of visits and inspections	...	...	...	...	...	4,646
Number of rats destroyed:—						
(a) Trapped	...	...	...	...	...	246
(b) Poisoned	...	...	...	...	...	922
Number of mice found destroyed	...	...	...	...	...	1,469

COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS.

During the latter part of the year, the allocation of Council Houses and temporary housing accommodation was taken over by the Public Health Department.

A new Housing Application Form was sent out to the applicants on the old register, and this resulted in a considerable number of application forms not being returned, applicants having either found their own accommodation or for some other reason not wishing to remain on the Council's housing list.

(Signed) E. G. POLLARD,
Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows:—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.*
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 152
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 190
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... Nil
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... Nil
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 1
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 109
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 71
3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year:*
 - A. *Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil
 - B. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil
 - D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT, (1937).

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises	M/c line No.	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers prosecuted
			Inspections	Written notices	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	18	30	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	27	23	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the (excluding out-Local Authority workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL		45	53	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	M/c line No.	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecut'ns were instituted
		Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insp'tor	By H.M. Insp'tor	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient	9	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	60	—	—	—	—	—

COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (SECTIONS 1110 AND 111).

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out- workers in Aug. list re- quired by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
TOTAL ...	70	—	—	—	—	—	—

Easthampstead
Rural District.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	27,610
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1948	...	...	...	...	...	5,363
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	£158,803
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£635

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of:						
Population at middle of 1948	...	...	...	...	...	21,890

BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>							
						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	171	154
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	11	11
Total	...	...	...	...	...	182	165

Live Birth Rate.
11.3.

<i>Still Births.</i>							
						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
Total	...	...	...	...	...	6	1

Still Birth Rate.
0.33.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
		209	97	112

Death Rate.
9.5.

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
		8	6	2

Infant Death Rate.
23.

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

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Deaths from Tuberculosis.

					Males.	Females.
Pulmonary	1	3
Non-pulmonary	1	0

Tuberculosis Death Rate.

All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	0.23
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.18
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	0.05

CAUSES OF DEATH IN EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT, 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATH						Males	Females
ALL CAUSES						97	112
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	1	3
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	1	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	2	2
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	3	3
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	8
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	17	11
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	7	13
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	26	38
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	2	2
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	2	4
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	4	1
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	2	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	2
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	1	1
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	—	1
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	—	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	2	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	3	—
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	1	1
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	1	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	4	4
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	16	12

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHtheria IMMUNISATION.

During the year 208 children were immunised against Diphtheria. Previously 3,893 children had received treatment, making a grand total of 4,101.

The following tables give the chief statistics relating to the notifiable infectious diseases:—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1948.
(other than Tuberculosis).

Disease.					Total cases notified.	Cases ad- mitted to Hospital.	Deaths of notified cases.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	7	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	43	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	12	2	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	2	1	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	9	5	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	34	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1948.

Disease.	Years.	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Dysentery	...	—	—	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	...	1	2	3	3	3	26	3	—	1	—	1	—
Pneumonia	...	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	3	2	2	2
Polio-myelitis	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	1	2	3	2	—	—	—	—	1	—
Whooping Cough		3	7	7	4	3	9	—	1	—	—	—	—

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LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS 1944-1948.

<i>Disease.</i>			1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	0	1	0	0	0
Dysentery	...	...	2	29	4	1	7
Diphtheria	...	...	2	3	2	1	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	0	0	0	3	0
Erysipelas	...	...	2	2	1	4	1
Malaria	...	...	1	1	2	2	0
Measles	...	...	5	229	74	195	43
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	1	0	0	1	0
Pneumonia	...	...	22	19	23	7	12
Polio-myelitis	...	...	1	2	1	7	2
Puerperal-Pyrexia	...	...	0	1	1	1	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	62	24	31	12	9
Smallpox	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	41	21	25	18	34

TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year, are set out in the table below:—

<i>Age Periods.</i>				NEW CASES				DEATHS			
				<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulm.</i>		<i>Pulmonary</i>		<i>Non-Pulm.</i>	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years	...	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	„	...	...	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
15—25	„	...	...	—	5	1	1	—	1	—	—
25—35	„	...	...	2	3	—	—	1	1	—	—
35—45	„	...	...	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
45—55	„	...	...	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
55—65	„	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	...	...		—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	...	...		9	9	3	1	3	3	1	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—
Nil.

BRACKNELL—NEW TOWN PROPOSALS.

In conjunction with the Greater London Report to the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, it was proposed to establish a new town in East Berkshire to accommodate excess population from the Greater London area, amounting to 60,000. The original site was found to be impracticable of development and alternative proposals were considered by the Ministry which included the establishment of a new town at Bracknell. The Easthampstead Rural District Council and the Berkshire County Council agreed to this proposal in principle in 1946. In 1947, preliminary discussions took place with the Ministry of Town and Country Planning and interested Authorities in the London Area which led to the making of a Draft Order under the New Towns Act, 1946, by the Minister of Town and Country Planning in November, 1948. This Order designates an area of some 2,623 acres in and around Bracknell to accommodate a population of some 25,000 persons including the present population of Bracknell (approximately 5,000).

After some consideration of the possibility of developing the New Town themselves, the Easthampstead Rural District Council finally have agreed with the Berkshire County Council and the Ministry of Town and Country Planning that this shall be done by a Development Corporation to be set up under the provisions of Section 2 of the New Towns Act, 1946.

A Local Public Inquiry into objections to the proposal is to be held in February, 1949 and it is expected that confirmation or otherwise of the Order will be made in early summer 1949. It will be seen that the policy of the Easthampstead Rural District Council is bound to be influenced by the early possibility of this Development being started, particularly as regards projected Capital Expenditure involving loans such as Housing, Drainage, Refuse Collection and Disposal.

At the time of preparing this Report, (June, 1949) the Draft Order has been confirmed with an amendment excluding from the defined area some 770 acres of agricultural land—mostly to the south and west of Bracknell. A Development Corporation has been appointed under the Chairmanship of Sir Alan Saunders and including one member of the Easthampstead Rural District—Mrs. Brooke.

EASTHAMPSSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Piped water supply is available in each Parish of the Rural District and the majority of inhabited houses are connected to the public mains. Two Public Utility Companies supply the water.

(a) MID-WESSEX WATER COMPANY, FRIMLEY GREEN, ALDERSHOT.

Supplies Parishes of Binfield, Easthampstead, Crowthorne, Sandhurst and Warfield. The main source of supply for this area and contiguous areas is Beenham's Heath Pumping Station. This plant is situate on the north-western boundary of the Rural District and is a modern pumping, filtering, chlorinating and softening plant. Water is drawn from water-bearing strata in the chalk substrata at a depth of approximately 300 feet. The water is of the highest degree of purity, chlorination being used as a purely precautionary measure, but requires to be softened to a Statutory Maximum Degree of Hardness of 12 grains per gallon. Monthly samples are taken by the Sanitary Inspectors from house supplies in the Parishes served, in rotation, and submitted for bacteriological and chemical (hardness) examinations to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

(a) MID-WESSEX WATER COMPANY.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>No. Samples Taken</i>	CHEMICAL		BACTERIOLOGICAL	
		<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>
Binfield ...	3	3	Nil	3	Nil.
Crowthorne ...	2	2	Nil	2	Nil.
Easthampstead	1	1	Nil	1	Nil.
Sandhurst ...	2	2	Nil	2	Nil.
Warfield ...	2	2	Nil	2	Nil.
TOTAL ...	10	10	Nil	10	Nil.

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(b) SOUTH-WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY, THE CAUSEWAY,
STAINES.

Supplies water to the Parish of Winkfield only. The source of supply in this case is the River Thames above Teddington Lock, the tidal limit. There is no statutory maximum degree of hardness applicable to this Company and analyses show hardness to range between 12 grains per gallon and 22 grains per gallon.

Five other Authorities supplied by this Company join with Easthampstead Rural District Council in taking routine samples which are submitted to the Clinical Research Association for Chemical and Bacteriological Analyses. Copies of the Analysts' Report on each sample are sent to the Company and each of the six Authorities. The Company supplies water to 1,636 houses in the Rural District.

(b) SOUTH-WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY.

<i>District.</i>	<i>No. of Samples Taken</i>	HARDNESS		BACTERIOLOGICAL	
		<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>
Easthampstead					
R.D. ...	4	4	Nil	4	Nil
Windsor					
R.D. ...	5	5	Nil	5	Nil
Egham					
U.D. ...	3	3	Nil	3	Nil
Hayes & Harlington					
U.D. ...	5	5	Nil	5	Nil
Feltham					
U.D. ...	4	4	Nil	4	Nil
Bagshot					
R.D. ...	4	4	Nil	4	Nil
TOTAL ...	25	25	Nil	25	Nil

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(c) PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

There are, in the Rural District, a small number of houses without a piped main supply of water which take supplies from wells, chiefly shallow wells. From time to time, these wells cease to provide an adequate supply and complaints are received of the unsatisfactory condition of the water. Samples are taken and subsequent action to improve the supply either by the extension of piped supplies whenever practicable or cleaning and improvement of the wells.

(c) PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

<i>Address</i>	<i>No. of Samples Taken</i>	CHEMICAL		BACTERIOLOGICAL	
		<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>	<i>Satis- factory</i>	<i>Unsatis- factory</i>
Temporary Dwellings, Owlsmoor ...	1	—	1	—	1
1 & 2, Poplar Cottage, Owlsmoor ...	2	—	2	—	2
"Waldapina," College Rd.	1	1	—	—	1
"Goodwood," College Rd.	1	—	1	—	1
"Vintilla," College Rd.	1	—	1	—	1
"Lamont," College Rd.	1	1	—	—	1
"Longview," College Rd.	1	1	—	—	1
"Woodside," College Rd.	1	1	—	—	1
The Cabin, The Warren, Winkfield ...	1	—	1	—	1
TOTAL ...	10	4	6	Nil	10

(d) WESTLEY MILL AREA, BINFIELD.

Complaints were received of inadequate well-water supplies to fourteen houses in this area. Inspections were made and a series of samples taken which confirmed that the wells were inadequate and in most cases the water unfit for human consumption. Negotiations were entered into by the Council with the Owners and the Mid-Wessex Water Company to extend a 3in. main to serve these properties. At the same time, temporary supplies were arranged by carrying water in a 150 gallon tank by refuse lorry from the nearby Mid-Wessex Water Company Pumping Station—deliveries being made weekly. A Guarantee under the Water Act, 1945 was entered into by the Council and the main extension was completed in 1948. All the properties are now connected to the main.

DRAINAGE AND SANITATION.

The main drainage areas and disposal works have been described in detail in previous reports of the Engineer and Surveyor. For reference, these are as follows:—

- (1) *Bracknell Drainage Area*: includes Bracknell, parts of Binfield and Warfield.
- (2) *Binfield Drainage Area*: includes most of remainder of Binfield.
- (3) *Winkfield Drainage Area*: includes most of northern part of Parish.
- (4) *Crowthorne and Sandhurst Drainage Area*: includes both Parishes.

Extensions to the sewers and plant have been approved and work is in hand as follows:—

- (1) *Bracknell Drainage Area*.
 - (a) *Meadowway, Shepherds Lane*. Sewer extensions and ejector station—Sewers completed; ejector station built by end of 1948. Machinery delivered and being installed June, 1949.
 - (b) *Skimped Hill*. Extensions completed and connections made.
 - (c) *Drainage Works*. New pumping station and rising main. Buildings completed. Machinery delivered and being installed.

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(2) *Winkfield Drainage Area.*

Extensions approved and detailed preparation of schemes in hand for :—

- (a) Haley Green—Goose Corner.
 - (b) Locke's Ride.
 - (c) Pump Lane, Cheapside.
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Connections made in 1948 to the public sewers of both new and existing properties numbered 32—sewering 36 houses and 14 flats.

REFUSE AND SALVAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

(a) COLLECTION SERVICE.

A weekly collection of refuse from the kerb-side was maintained throughout the year by two 10 cubic yards side loading motor vehicles. A new Karrier C.K.3 10 cubic yards side loading vehicle with double cab, providing seating for driver and loaders was delivered on the 14th April, 1948. This lorry was put into service and the two older vehicles in turn were given complete overhauls of engines, chassis and body. To carry out the policy of the Health Committee of changing from a "kerb-side" collection to a "back-door" collection, a scheme was worked out employing three lorries and crews of driver and three loaders per vehicle. This system will be given a trial in the New Year to be followed by an estimate of the cost of such a service.

If approved by the Council it is expected to be able to change over at the beginning of the Financial Year, April, 1949.

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(a) REFUSE COLLECTION.

<i>Vehicle.</i>	<i>No. of Loads</i>	<i>Approx. Volume of Refuse Cub. Yds.</i>	<i>Miles Travelled</i>	PETROL		OIL	
				<i>Gallons Used</i>	<i>Miles per Gal.</i>	<i>Gallons Used</i>	<i>Miles per Gal.</i>
Karrier FYM.337 ...	402 $\frac{3}{4}$	4027.5	6,178	1,059	5.83	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	950.46
Dennis	558 $\frac{1}{4}$	5582.5	8,188	1,324	6.18	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	712
Karrier EJB.588 ...	396 $\frac{1}{2}$	3965	6,461	962	6.71	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	861.46
TOTAL	1,357 $\frac{1}{2}$	13,575	20,827	3,345	18.72	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,523.92

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(b) SALVAGE.

In the period March to May 1948, the Council were entered in a National Waste Paper Contest organised by the Waste Paper Recovery Association. Prizes totalling £7,500 were awarded for the Local Authorities showing the highest percentage increased collection of paper in these three months of 1948 over the corresponding figures for March to May 1947.

To encourage an increased collection, a Schools Waste Paper Competition was organised amongst the fifteen schools in the Rural District, taking place in May over a period of two weeks. This Competition met with great enthusiasm from the schools and the resulting amount of waste paper collected, amounting to 11 tons 8 cwts. 1 qr., far exceeded expectations. A further National Contest was organised by the Waste Paper Recovery Association for the six months period October, 1948, to March, 1949, with prizes totalling £6,000. It is hoped to organise a further Schools' Competition in March, 1949.

Regular collection of waste paper showed an increase in 1948 and collection was made easier by discontinuing the use of trailers on two vehicles and fitting platforms over the top of the bodies.

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(b) SALVAGE.

<i>Material.</i>	1946.					1947.					1948.				
	Tons	Cwts	£	s.	d.	Tons	Cwts	£	s.	d.	Tons	Cwts	£	s.	d.
Paper	84	5	557	5	6	73	17	511	0	0	103	1	709	1	11
Textiles	6	19	72	15	10	6	5	58	0	0	7	15	113	18	3
Metal—Iron	—	—	—	—	—	4	13	8	12	0	8	0	15	10	0
Metal—Non-Ferrous	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	18	0	—	—	—	—	—
Glassware	115	9	106	13	4	12	7	123	0	0	5	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	58	15	0
Miscellaneous	2	2	3	3	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	208	15	739	17	8	97	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	704	10	0	123	18 $\frac{1}{4}$	897	5	2

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(c) REFUSE AND SALVAGE DISPOSAL.

Following the erection of a Nissen Hut as Salvage Depot in 1947, further improvements have been made by erecting concrete posts and chain link fencing with double access gates to form a salvage yard and a newly surfaced and curbed access road was formed. More accurate records of salvage is now possible with a new set of platform scales loaned to the Council by Mr. Councillor Gough.

The Controlled Tip showed great improvement during the year and an inspection by the Public Health Committee was made in May, 1948. The Committee expressed appreciation of the improvements and the work of the Foreman.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Public Health Acts.

(1)	Complaints	...	...	...	...	153
(2)	Works in Progress	...	...	...	...	197
(3)	Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	186
(4)	Drainage	...	...	...	...	9
(5)	Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	74
(6)	Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	23
(7)	Refuse Tip and Collection	...	...	...	...	149
(8)	Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	26
(9)	Land Charges Searches	...	...	...	...	38
(10)	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	390
(11)	Verminous Premises	...	...	...	...	32

Housing Acts.

(1)	Rural Housing Survey	...	...	...	...	223
(2)	House Inspections	...	...	...	...	112
(3)	Applications for Houses	...	...	...	...	230
(4)	Inspections of Council Houses and Temporary Camps	...	...	...	...	107
(5)	Interviews on Sites	...	...	...	...	87

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

(1)	Food Shops	...	...	...	...	122
(2)	Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	39
(3)	Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	81
(4)	Cowsheds and Dairies	...	...	...	...	90
(5)	Ice-cream Samples	...	...	...	...	8
(6)	Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	5
(7)	Meat Inspections	...	...	...	...	43
(8)	Butchers' Premises	...	...	...	...	46

Factories Act.

Premises Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	69
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	...	2

NOTICES SERVED AND ABATED.

<i>Statute.</i>	<i>Prelim'y Notices</i>	<i>Statutory Notices</i>	<i>Court Proc'd'gs</i>	<i>Abated</i>
Public Health Acts ...	97	13	3	113
Housing Acts	1	6	—	—
Food & Drugs Act ...	2	—	—	2
Factories Act	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	100	19	3	115

(5) HOUSING.

The full implementation of the Housing Acts is still not possible by reason of the shortage of new houses and restrictions on building operations and materials. The Ministry of Health has not given authority to proceed with Clearance Areas, Demolition Orders and Closing Orders nor Re-conditioning under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, but maintain the request to limit this work to emergency cases and repairs under the Public Health Acts.

During the year progress was made in a Preliminary Rural Housing Survey and a Housing Act Procedure Sub-Committee was appointed by the Public Health Committee to deal with procedure under the Housing Acts for unfit houses.

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(i) RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

Inspections	223
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(ii) HOUSING ACT, 1936—PROCEDURE.

(1) Houses represented under Section 11	12
(including two groups of 5 and 2 as prospective Clearance Areas).			
(2) Houses re-conditioned and Undertakings cancelled (Section 11)	...	...	1
(3) Houses re-conditioned (Section 9)	...	...	2
(4) Statutory Notices (Section 9)	...	...	3
(5) Families re-housed from unfit houses	...	...	2
(Both houses represented as unfit in 1947).			

(iii) POST-WAR HOUSING SCHEMES.

The Council's scheme prepared in 1945 was for 280 houses on seven sites. By 31st December, 1948, 70 of these houses were completed and occupied and a further 98 were under construction.

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POSITION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1948.

<i>Site.</i>	<i>No Houses Projected</i>	<i>No. Houses Occupied.</i>	<i>No. Houses under Contr.</i>
Tilehurst Lane, Binfield	20	20	—
Priestwood Crescent Bracknell	16	16	—
Park Road, Sandhurst ...	10	10	—
Fernbank Road, Ascot. B. ...	12	12	—
Fernbank Road, Ascot. A. ...	70	Nil	Nil
Skimped Hill, Bracknell	114	12	60
Napier Road, Crowthorne ...	38	Nil	38
TOTAL	280	70	98

In addition the Council approved a scheme prepared by the Engineer and Surveyor for development of a site at Wellington Place, Sandhurst, adjoining the existing Wellington Terrace, for 26 houses. Construction of these houses was begun early in 1949; construction of roads and services being completed by the end of 1948. At the time of preparing this report, approval has been given by the Ministry of Health to tenders for a further 40 houses at Skimped Hill, Bracknell, and construction will begin immediately.

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(iv) TEMPORARY CAMPS.

In January 1948 the Council took over control of Easthampstead Park Camp as agents of the Ministry of Health. This Camp has some 167 buildings, chiefly Nissen huts, but including larger buildings of wood and corrugated iron construction. The Ministry of Health fixed a life of 5 years for the buildings and approved expenditure of up to £100 per unit for conversion to living accommodation. There is main water; main drainage, gas and electricity serving the camp. Conversion work was proceeded with, giving a standard of accommodation and amenities as follows:—

(Based on a standard 16ft. x 32ft. Nissen).

Living Room	...	...	16ft. x 16ft.
Bedroom 1	...	...	8ft. x 16ft.
Bedroom 2	...	...	8ft. x 16ft.

Larder; sink; drainage; water; gas-cooker; gas boiler; coal-stove; electric light; outside W.C. and coal shed; garden.

Similar work was in progress and completed in 1948 at Warfield Park Camp which had been taken over by the Council in 1947.

POSITION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1948.

<i>Camp</i>	<i>No. Families to be Accommodated.</i>	<i>No. completed and occupied.</i>
Westwick Camp, Bagshot Road, Bracknell	14	14
Warfield Park Camp, Warfield	42	42
Easthampstead Park Camp	200—220	92

Families moved into this temporary accommodation will retain their position on the Council's Housing List at their "points" level.

(v) SELECTION OF TENANTS.

Tenants for both permanent and temporary houses are selected by the Housing Committee from a Housing List wherein applications are graded on a "points" system. Points awards are arranged to give preference to families living under overcrowded or unsatisfactory living conditions and to local residents, with an award also for length of war service. In the light of changed conditions since the Housing List was opened in 1944—a revision of the Points system is needed. It should be noted that selection lists submitted to the Housing Committee are anonymous—all applications being numbered only. Considerable time is spent by the staff on dealing with applications, checking, pointing, revising, visiting and, particularly, interviewing applicants at the office—so much so that consideration must be given to provision of additional staff and accommodation for this work.

The following is a summary of applications on the waiting list:—

(i) *Applications.*

Number of applications at 1.1.48	...	...	...	178
Number of applications at 31.12.48	...	...	...	291
Number of applications received during 1948			...	113

N.B.—The above figures are as corrected by a Ministry of Health Survey of Applications in March 1949.

(ii) "Points" Grading.

	20	19	18½	18	17½	17	16½	16	15½	15	14½	14	13½	13	
No. of Appls.	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	23	6	14	5	39	10	47	
	12½	12	11½	11	10½	10	9½	9	8½	8	7½	7	6½	6	4½
No. of Appls.	18	28	7	35	8	41	8	23	2	25	3	59	9	21	4
	3½	3	2½	2	1½	1	0								
No of Appls.	—	20	3	13	1	6	15								

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(iii) *Allocations.*

<i>Estate.</i>	<i>No. of Houses.</i>	<i>Date Allocation.</i>	<i>No. Families.</i>
Fernbank Road 	12	25.7.47.	10. (2 in 1947).
Skimped Hill 	22	August. 48.	12. (10 in 1949).
Park Road, Sandhurst 	10	25.7.47.	6. (4 in 1947).
Priestwood Crescent 	16	25.7.47.	4. (12 in 1947).
Warfield Park 	42	—	12.
Easthampstead Park 	200	—	92. (27 in 1949).
Westwick Park 	14	—	— (Occ. in 1947).

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(6) FOOD INSPECTION AND HYGIENE.

Routine and regular inspections have been made throughout the year of all premises used for the storage for sale and the preparation for sale, of food, with particular reference to ice cream premises. Butchers' premises are regularly inspected and meat inspection is done at these shops and also of Cottagers' pigs.

The following table shows the number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Section 14:—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938—SECTION 14—REGISTRATION.

<i>Sale of Ice-cream only.</i>	<i>Manufacture and Sale of Ice-cream.</i>
30	6

During the year routine samples of Ice-cream were taken from these premises and submitted to the Public Health Laboratories Services at Reading for Methylene Blue Test and grading. The results were as follows:—

TABLE OF ICE-CREAM SAMPLES.

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Man'fact'rer or Sale Only</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>	<i>Mix H.T. or C.M.</i>	<i>Methylene Blue Grading</i>				<i>Pre-P'k'd or Loose</i>
				1	2	3	4	
E. H. Huett, Battle Bridge, Warfield	Manu. & Sale	4	H.T.	2	1	1	—	Loose
Hutchings Bros., New Rd., Winkfield	Sale	3	—	1	—	—	2	Loose
Blytheman, Haley Green	Sale	1	H.T.	1	—	—	—	Loose
Hollingsworth, High St., Bracknell	Sale	1	—	1	—	—	—	Pre-P'k'd
White, Binfield Rd., Bracknell ...	Sale	3	H.T.	2	1	—	—	Pre-P'k'd
M. Douglas	Sale	1	—	1	—	—	—	Loose
Mrs. Rushbrooke, Station Rd., Bracknell	Sale	2	—	1	—	1	—	Loose
Regal Cinema, Bracknell	Sale	4	H T. & C.M.	2	—	1	1	Pre-P'k'd
W. Barr, Bracknell	Sale	2	H.T.	2	—	—	—	Pre-P'k'd
Tuck Shop, Wellington College ...	Manu. & Sale	3	H.T.	2	—	1	—	Loose
Stoner, Yorktown Rd., Sandhurst ...	Manu. & Sale	4	H.T.	4	—	—	—	Loose
Brewster, Sandhurst	Manu. & Sale	4	H.T.	—	2	2	—	Loose
Pyne, Sandhurst	Sale	4	H.T.	2	1	1	—	Pre-P'k'd
Parker, Winkfield	Sale	1	H.T.	—	—	—	1	Loose
Timberlake, Bracknell	Sale	3	H.T.	1	—	—	2	Loose
Aldsworth	Sale	2	H.T.	—	1	—	1	Pre-P'k'd
Huse, Winkfield	Manu. & Sale	4	H.T.	1	—	1	2	Loose
L. H. Coslett	Manu. & Sale	1	C.M.	—	—	—	—	Loose

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(7) COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

(a) Cowsheds.

Routine inspections were maintained of Cowsheds in the Rural District. Improvements in buildings are increasing, showing more modern designs and using better equipment. There is a marked tendency towards “Milking Parlours” instead of the older type of Cowshed used for both “living” and “milking.”

Registered premises:—

1947	1948
58.	65.

(b) Dairies.

The number of Retail Purveyors of Milk and Dairies has decreased considerably over the past 10 years, due to the purchases of many of these businesses by a large private firm of Dairymen who operate the Milk Processing Plant in Bracknell referred to in the 1947 report.

Registered Premises	5
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(c) Special Designations.

There is a marked increase in the number of licensed producers of Tuberculin-tested milk and in the number of licensed dealers in T.T. and Pasteurised Milk.

The following table shows the licence holders in the district:—

Classification.	Tuberculin Tested.	Accredited.	Pasteurised.
Producers	27	7	0
Heat Treatment Plant	1	—	1
Dealers (Bottling)	5	—	—
Dealers	2	—	2
Supplementary ...	2	—	3

(d) *Record of Samples, 1948.*

Vendor (Dairyman).	DESIGNATIONS AND RESULTS.							
	RAW		TUBERCULIN TESTED		PASTEURISED			
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
W. Clifford & Sons Bracknell Dairy ...	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	1
Birchin Ingham's Dairy (W. E. Gear) ...	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Hygienic Dairy, (J. Abbott), Crowthorne ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL	—	—	3	1	2	—	1	2

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(8) RODENT CONTROL.

Control and eradication of Rodents and other forms of vermin is done as a joint administration with the Windsor Rural District Council, the work being carried out by one Rodent Officer serving both Councils. This function has been well exercised in 1948, as the following table shows:—

Premises Visited re. Complaint	...	...	...	144
Premises Re-visited	...	...	...	222
Survey made of Suspected Infestations	...	...	Nil	
Visits made for Destruction	...	...	...	748
Verified Catches:				
Rats	...	...	...	740
Mice	...	...	...	823
Estimated Destruction by Poison and Gas	...	...	840	
Premises considered cleared	...	...	...	228
Major Infestations	...	...	...	Nil

Methods of Destruction.

Traps: Gins, Breakbacks, Cage traps.

Gas: Cymag.

Poisons: Six different sorts.

Snares and Shooting: 410 shot.

In conclusion, appreciation must be expressed of the work of the Staff, both Technical and Clerical, during the year.

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ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937).

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>M/c line No.</i> (2)	<i>Number on Register</i> (3)	<i>Number of</i>		
			<i>Inspections</i> (4)	<i>Written notices</i> (5)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	8	6	6	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	38	63	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL		46	69	6	—

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2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosec't'ns were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred		
				To H.M. Insp'tor (5)	By H.M. Insp'tor (6)	
Want of cleanliness ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient ...	9	5	5	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	1	1	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not in- cluding offences re- lating to Homework)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	60	6	6	—	1	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

Nature of Work (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out- workers in August list req'd by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Not- ices serv- ed	Pro- secu- t'ns.
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing apparel : Making, etc. ...	13	2	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	2	—	—	—	—	—

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	8,665
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1948	2,992
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	£130,828
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£566 12s. 3d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of: Population at middle of 1948	11,080
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>					<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	96	84
Illegitimate	4	8
Total	100	92

Live Birth Rate.
17.3.

<i>Still Births.</i>					<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	1	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	1	1

Still Birth Rate.
0.18.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (All Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	118	60	58

Death Rate.
10.6.

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	5	4	1

Infant Death Rate.
26.

Maternal Deaths.
Nil.

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<i>Deaths from Tuberculosis.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	1	1
Non-pulmonary	0	0
<i>Tuberculosis Death Rate.</i>							
All Forms	...	...	...	...	...		0.18
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...		0.18
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...		0.0

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							<i>Males</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES							60	58
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	11	2
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	2	11
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	18	21
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	6	—
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
34.	Road traffic accident	—	—
35.	Other violent causes	—	2
36.	All other causes	4	7

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 158 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 1,942, which makes a grand total of 2,100.

The following tables give the main statistical features of the cases occurring in this District during the year 1948:—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1948.

(*other than Tuberculosis.*)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	1	1	0
Dysentery	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0
Measles	72	0	0
Ophthalmia-Neonatorum	3	0	0
Pneumonia	1	1	0
Polio-encephalitis	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	13	8	0
Smallpox	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	19	0	0

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AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1948.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years.</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Diphtheria	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Measles	...	2	9	2	9	7	36	4	2	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	—	—	4	7	1	—	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough		5	2	2	2	1	6	1	—	—	—	—	—

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1944-1948.

<i>Disease.</i>				1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...		0	1	2	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	3	1	4	7	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	3	99	0	8	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...		0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...		0	0	1	1	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	2	2	2	1	1
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	1	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	50	46	95	26	72
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...		2	1	2	2	3
Pneumonia	...	...	...	5	4	9	8	1
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	1	0	0	5	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...		2	4	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	34	23	9	15	13
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...		20	7	11	11	19

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patients to institutions). These powers are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table gives the required particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from all forms of that disease during 1947.

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TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary</i>	<i>Non-Pulm.</i>			<i>Pulmonary</i>	<i>Non-Pulm.</i>		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
15—25 „	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 „	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 „	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 „	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	2	5	1	3	1	1	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—Nil.

WATER SUPPLY.

As stated in previous Reports, the whole of this District is served by a piped water supply and, with isolated exceptions, an internal supply obtains in all the inhabited houses. The Company supply is the South West Suburban Water Company, whose main reservoirs are at Staines, with a storage reservoir in this District in the Parish of Sunninghill. Treatment of the supply includes chlorination and sand filtration.

Bacteriological and chemical analysis is made weekly of the raw water and of the finally treated water before the same goes into supply. During the year under review, the Company report no cases of pollution were revealed by the samples.

The arrangement instituted in 1938, whereby six Authorities are grouped together, for purposes of chemical and bacteriological sampling still obtains, the analyst's report being circulated between the Authorities concerned. Under this procedure, twenty-four samples were taken in 1948, and in each case satisfactory reports were forthcoming.

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In addition to routine sampling referred to above, two samples were taken from domestic storage tanks and six from converted Army huts in the ownership of the Council following an indication of excessive rust in the three-inch service main. No further action proved to be necessary.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Two of the three Parishes in this District are fully sewered, but in the third Parish (Old Windsor) no sewers are at present laid. Following a Ministry of Health Enquiry in 1946, a sewerage scheme for this Parish was fully prepared, having an outfall into the Windsor Borough Disposal Works, which are situated within the Parish of Old Windsor. At the time of writing, Ministry approval to invite Tenders for this scheme has not been received, but it is understood that such approval is not now likely to be much longer delayed. In the meantime, emptying of cesspools in the Parish of Old Windsor is carried out by means of two 750 gallon Cesspool Emptiers, one of which is a dual purpose machine employed in Dry Refuse collection on alternate weeks, and one 1,000 gallon Cesspool Emptier, which also operates as required to deal with the few properties in Sunninghill which it is not practicable to connect with the sewer. It has also to be stated that this machine deals with a number of isolated properties situated on the outskirts of Sunninghill Parish, but in the Easthampstead Rural District. Such service being given subject to local calls being dealt with first.

DRY SCAVENGING.

Removal of House Refuse is carried out in all three Parishes, a weekly collection being in force in Sunninghill and Sunningdale, and a bi-weekly service in the Parish of Old Windsor. A separate paper salvage collection, by means of a 15cwt. van, is operated, and during the year under review, 61 tons, 15cwt. of paper was collected and baled. On four occasions during the year special work in this connection is carried out at the Ascot Race Meetings, from which very considerable quantities of refuse and waste paper are cleared by the Council's vehicles, comprising one 7-cubic yard dual purpose machine, one 10-cubic yard freighter and one 7-cubic yard freighter.

Disposal of dry refuse is by means of controlled tipping at South Ascot, where during the past year an attempt was made to grow root vegetables, but with little success, the "tip" apparently not yet sufficiently consolidated.

Every effort is made to keep the district clear of unofficial "tips" and to assist householders in disposal of all kinds of surplus material, whether or not this may be strictly termed domestic refuse, for example, old bedsteads, cycle frames, tin baths, etc., it being felt that a tidy district should be part of the aim of the Cleansing Service.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Report of Mr. W. H. Rowsell, Sanitary Inspector for this District, for the year ended 31st December, 1948, is reproduced below.

Council Offices,
Bowden Road,
Sunninghill.
(Tel. Ascot 893).

To Dr. W. B. Moore,
Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit a short account of the work carried out by the Health Department in the Windsor Rural District during 1948.

The Department has continued to be heavily engaged in Housing work, including in addition to new houses, maintenance of existing properties, conversions and adaptations and, up to the end of the year, constituted the Council's "Housing Department." At December, 1948, applicants for re-housing numbered 476, this being a net figure following a revue of all applications carried out during the year. One hundred and thirty-nine families were re-housed in 1948 in permanent and temporary accommodation from premises which were overcrowded (on either bedroom or Housing Act standard), or which were in other ways sub-standard. Before submission to the appropriate Committee, every application received detailed investigation, the results of which formed the subject of individual reports to the Committee for "pointing" purposes.

Under Civil Building Control, 203 Licences were issued during the year, covering works estimated to cost £41,283. The extension of the free limit from £10 to £100 resulted in a reduction of the number of Licence applications received, but it was found in practice that applications for Licences over the free limit of £100 counteracted this "easement" by reason of the more detailed inspections required, and it may be said that Civil Building Control work continues to place a heavy burden on Local Authority administration.

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Water Supply, Refuse and Sewage Disposal are separately referred to in the text of this Report, and in these connections, with the exception of sewerage in the Parish of Old Windsor, the District is reasonably well serviced.

Streams and water courses in the area have received a good deal of attention during the year under review. Considerable improvement was effected in two such instances by the clearance of large quantities of scrap iron, etc., by the Refuse Collection staff. A tendency by the public to dump these articles in obscure sections of ditches and streams is to be deplored, but showed little signs of decreasing.

Milk supplies in the area have been regularly sampled en route to the consumers, 32 such samples having been taken during the year for bacteriological examination, the results of which, as judged by Methylene Blue Test, have been generally satisfactory. A large percentage of the Milk distributed in this District is pasteurised.

No large industries obtain in the District, with the exception of the Gas Works at Sunninghill, and such Factories as there are, are of a smaller type, for example, Builders' Works, Tailors, Garages, etc. There are no Ice Cream manufacturers within the area, but regular sampling of this commodity in its pre-packed state is carried out.

Rodent Control is effected through the services of one part-time Rodent Operative, such services being shared with the adjoining District of Easthampstead. Details of the work carried out are given in a separate paragraph. Regular attention by way of baiting and gassing is given to the Council's controlled Refuse Tip, and sections of the sewers are test-baited from time to time.

I should like to record my appreciation of your own guidance and support, and the loyal services of my colleagues during a further year's activities.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,

Sanitary Inspector.

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SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS in connection with :—

Dwelling houses (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	296
Drainage work	... ..	32
Infectious disease	... ..	42
Cowsheds and dairies	... ..	28
Factories and workshops	... ..	30
Shop premises	... ..	51
Food stores (others)	... ..	24
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	... ..	27
Water courses	... ..	12
Water supply	... ..	13
Council houses	... ..	124
Food sampling	... ..	32

NOTICES.

Ninety-three Informal Notices, including Verbal Notices, were given during the year, and two Notices were served under Statute.

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1948.

The following is a summary of Building activities, etc., during the year ended 31st December, 1948:—

Plans deposited during 1948.

	<i>Approved.</i>	<i>Rejected.</i>
New buildings	29	4
Alterations and additions	47	3
Change of user	7	2
Drainage	3	0
Lay-out	0	0
Inspections made	95	0

It will be seen that in spite of Licensing, considerable progress was maintained in private building work of various kinds during 1948 and, as stated elsewhere in the Report, 203 Licences were issued for works estimated to cost £41,283. In all these cases, the proposed work is inspected before Licences are issued in addition to inspections made as the work proceeds.

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In addition to private enterprise work referred to in the Table above, the Council have pressed on with their own re-housing efforts, and by the end of 1948, 350 dwelling units (permanent and temporary) were under the control of the Council, 80 of these being permanent post-war brick houses.

RE-HOUSING.

As stated elsewhere in this Report, the Public Health Department continued to be responsible for all the Council's re-housing activities until the end of the year, at which time a separate re-housing department was formed and a Housing Manager appointed. During 1948, 87 separate units of accommodation were provided in ex-Army hutments, 75 being on one scheme, the site for which was not entered upon until November, 1947. The whole of the work on this scheme, including water supply, main sewers and permanent road works, was carried through by a combination of twelve local contractors, the majority of whom were of the type not equipped to handle larger permanent housing schemes. With the exception of roads and sewers, the job was handled by the Council's Public Health Department, and a total of 480 inspections were made. In connection with reports to the Committee on applicants submitted for re-housing, 468 enquiries were made.

In addition to re-housing work completed by the end of 1948, the Council at that time had in hand further permanent housing schemes, covering 34 permanent dwellings.

CAMPING SITES.

These were referred to on Page 63 in the Report for 1947, and the position remains unchanged. That is, there are two licensed sites only in the District, capable of accommodating 12 and 3 dwellings respectively, main water supply and W.C. accommodation being provided.

The usual post-war tendency towards sporadic development of this type of dwelling has been noticed during the past year. The handling of this matter presents some difficulty, having regard to the acute housing shortage and the somewhat complicated Statutory provisions (Public Health Act, 1936, together with Town and Country Planning Act, 1947).

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SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

For several years now, the Council's most urgent problem has been the provision of main sewers in the Parish of Old Windsor. This matter is referred to in the paragraph on Drainage and Sewerage, and has at last reached the stage where final approval of the Ministry to the beginning of work on a scheme already provisionally agreed to is the only delaying factor.

The problem of providing satisfactory cleansing services (wet and dry scavenging) to the area known as Friary Island in the Parish of Old Windsor, is one which, as stated in previous Reports, is almost inseparable from the question of boundary revision, the area concerned being geographically allied to the adjoining District and County and having no reasonable access from this Council's area.

HOUSING.

The following is a statement of the Sanitary Inspector under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the past year:—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:*

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	93
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...					295
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...					35
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation							93

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authorities or their officers	53
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OVERCROWDING.

Relief of overcrowding almost invariably occurs when families are re-housed by the Council, and this applies in general to the 139 cases dealt with during 1948. Overcrowding is, of course, specially “pointed” in the Council’s “points” scheme, and account is taken of bedroom accommodation as well as statutory overcrowded conditions. The Council also make provision in their permanent schemes for four-bedroomed houses to accommodate the larger families in the area, although these are found to be comparatively few in number.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The slaughtering of animals for human consumption so far as this District is concerned, continues to be carried out at the Government Slaughterhouse at Windsor, apart from the occasional slaughtering of animals by private owners under the Ministry of Food self-supply Meat scheme. These are few in number and an effort is always made to secure that the slaughtering and dressing takes place at one of the five slaughterhouses within the District.

An inspection has been made of hotel kitchens and cafes from time to time, and in one of the former structural and other improvements were secured during the year under review.

With the exception of the seasonal sale of Ice Cream, no sale of food from stalls, barrows, etc., takes place in the District. One fish fryer, however, has adopted the motor car trailer method of delivering “suppers” to regular customers; this job is well done and the food protected during transport.

All the Retail Butchers’ shops in the area have closed fronts and a uniform standard of cleanliness is maintained.

The following articles have been examined and voluntarily surrendered and disposed of during the year as being unfit for human food:—

<i>Canned Products.</i>				<i>Fresh Products.</i>			
Milk	...	...	60 tins.	Meat	...	...	53 lbs.
Meat	...	...	21 „	Fish	...	...	257 lbs.
Fish	...	...	8 „				
Fish Paste	...	...	18 „				
Jam	...	...	2 „				
Marmalade	121 „				
Fruit	21 „				
Vegetables	18 „				
Sausages	2 „				
				<i>Dried Products.</i>			
				Prunes	30 lbs.

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RODENT CONTROL.

No major infestation has occurred within the area during 1948, and the control of pests is energetically carried out by the Council's part-time Rodent Operative whose activities are shown in the following Table:—

Premises visited re. complaints	...	...	...	86
Premises re-visited	...	...	...	163
Survey made of suspected infestations	...	...	...	74
Visits made for destruction	...	...	...	285
Verified catches—Rats	...	...	...	457
—Mice	...	...	...	113
Estimated destruction by poison and gas	...	...	...	520
Premises considered clear	...	...	...	143
Major infestations	...	...	...	Nil

The methods used embraced poison gas, poison baits and traps.

In addition to the destruction of rats and mice, 57 wasp nests, 7 hornet nests, 13 infestations by ants, cockroaches, etc., were dealt with.

ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937).

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>M/c line No.</i> (2)	<i>Number on Register</i> (3)	<i>Number of</i>		
			<i>Inspections</i> (4)	<i>Written notices</i> (5)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	21	10	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	30	19	—	—
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		51	29	1	—

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2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	M/c line No.	No of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosec't'ns were instituted
		Found	Remedied	Referred		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	To H.M. Insp'tor (5)	By H.M. Insp'tor (6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness ...	4	8	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture	6	1	1	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient ...	9	1	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences (not in- cluding offences re- lating to Homework)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	60	12	9	—	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

<i>Nature of Work</i>	<i>M/c line No.</i>	<i>Section 110</i>			<i>Section 111</i>		
		<i>No. of out- workers in August list req'd by Sect. 110 (1) (c)</i>	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i>	<i>No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists</i>	<i>No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises</i>	<i>Not- ices serv- ed</i>	<i>Pro- secu- t'ns.</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing apparel : Making, etc. ...	13	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	1	—	—	—	—	—

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Wokingham Rural District

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	40,828
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1948	9,374
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1949	£238,872
Product of a Penny Rate	£905

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION.

Registrar-General's estimate of:

Population at middle of 1948	32,430
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BIRTHS.

<i>Live Births.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	256	211
Illegitimate	16	17
Total	272	228

Live Birth Rate.

15.4.

<i>Still Births.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Legitimate	5	7
Illegitimate	—	1
Total	5	8

Still Birth Rate.

0.4.

DEATHS.

<i>Deaths (all Causes).</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	313	165	148

Death Rate.

9.6.

<i>Infant Deaths.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
	11	6	5

Infant Death Rate.

22.

Maternal Deaths.

1.

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<i>Deaths from Tuberculosis.</i>						<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
Pulmonary	3	5
Non-pulmonary	2	1
<i>Tuberculosis Death Rate.</i>							
All Forms	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.34
Pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.25
Non-pulmonary	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.09

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES						165	148
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	3	5
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	2	1
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	2	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	6	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	7	4
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	5
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	16	14
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	2	4
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	22	27
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	51	41
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	6	7
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	5	5
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	4	7
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	2	1
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	4	5
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	1
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	—	3
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	7	1
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	1	—
34.	Road traffic accident	6	1
35.	Other violent causes	1	3
36.	All other causes	15	12

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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 400 children were immunised against Diphtheria. The number of children who had previously received treatment was 5,138, making a grand total of 5,538.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.
(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	8	0	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	259	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	26	1	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	28	14	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	53	0	0

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1948.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years.</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 +
Diphtheria	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Erysipelas	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	3
Measles	...	4	24	16	29	36	114	19	3	3	2	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	—	1	—	—	1	4	2	—	1	5	6	6
Polio-myelitis	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	1	—	2	2	3	10	7	3	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	3	8	3	11	4	21	—	—	2	—	—	1

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LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1944–1948.

<i>Disease.</i>				1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...		1	2	0	2	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	17	9	6	3	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	3	5	0	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...		0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	1	3	0	1	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	10	11	7	5	8
Malaria	...	...	...	2	1	0	1	0
Measles	...	...	...	15	442	17	187	259
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...		1	0	2	4	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	26	18	23	18	26
Polio-encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	2	0	0	4	1
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	2	3	1	2	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	104	34	22	19	28
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	70	23	95	132	53

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment), or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution), now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year are set out in the table below.

WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT
TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulm.		Pulmonary		Non-Pulm.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	—	—	4	3	—	—	2	—
15—25 „	8	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
25—35 „	4	3	—	—	1	3	—	—
35—45 „	5	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
45—55 „	4	2	—	1	1	2	—	—
55—65 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	21	8	7	7	3	5	2	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 11, equalling 27.27%.

WATER SUPPLY.

COUNCIL’S AREA OF SUPPLY.

The water supply of the area and all its several parts has been satisfactory in quality and quantity, no difficulty having arisen with regard to the amount of water available at the sources. There is, however, difficulty due to the need for the new reservoir at Bowsey Hill and for a pumping main separate and distinct from the distribution main. The lack of adequate storage and of the separate main means that the existing plant has, at times, to pump at full capacity and even then fails to keep pace with the maximum demand. Also, there is no margin to permit repairs or overhauls.

There is a piped supply of water to all Parishes and constant endeavours are being made to extend these mains to serve all parts where there are dwellings. Bacteriological examinations are made regularly as a routine measure and I give below a table of the results including also chemical analyses. The water at Tagg Lane and Sheeplands is not treated otherwise than by chlorination. That at the Arborfield source is treated with lime and alumina, filtered and aerated, and chlorinated.

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BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS.

Source.	Chemical Analyses.							
	Raw Water.		Filtered Water.		Chlorinated Water.		Chlorinated Water.	
	Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.	Sat.	Unsat.
Tagg Lane	15	2	—	—	11	1	3	—
Sheeplands	18	—	—	—	13	—	7	—
	17	—	—	—	12	—	—	—
Arborfield	10	1	10	—	12	—	4	—
Mains	—	—	—	—	13	1	—	—

Analyses taken in February 1945 with specific reference to the action of the water on metals reveal that no significant action would occur with the waters in contact with copper, lead or tin-lined lead.

As a safe-guarding measure to the Sheeplands supply, the Council have, this year, laid sewers in two places at Wargrave so that cesspool drainage there can be dispensed with.

Difficulties with regard to labour and materials have again this year hampered the execution of works and the giving of supplies. Even when the laying of the mains and tapplings has been accomplished, property owners suffer much further delay before it is possible for the supply to be laid on to premises owing to inability to obtain galvanised piping for the purpose, and many temporary standpipe supplies have accordingly had to be given.

No further progress has been made on the first scheme of main extensions, which is 85% complete, but it has proved possible to execute 95% of the second scheme during the year. A third scheme has been prepared estimated to cost £43,815, but consideration of this has been deferred for the time being by the Council because of existing financial commitments.

The new reinforced concrete water tower, the provision of which will mark the completion of the Farley Hill Water Supply Scheme, is now almost finished.

The inadequacy of the storage capacity connected with the principal source of supply at Sheeplands, Wargrave, continues to be a cause of anxiety but it is noteworthy that the Ministry of

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Health recently consented to put the scheme before the Government Priority Organisation with a view to the award of a starting date for the new $1\frac{1}{2}$ million gallon reservoir at Bowsey Hill. It is hoped also that the Ministry will agree to the submission for approval of the scheme for the paying by direct labour of a 14 inch diameter pumping main from Sheeplands Pumping Station to the new reservoir.

Consideration is being given by the Council as to whether it is practicable to acquire the source of supply at Arborfield operated by a private company and providing bulk supplies exclusively to the Council.

The annual amount of water supplied and pumped was 331,120,000 gallons. Rather more than six miles of new mains were laid, bringing the total mileage now in use to approximately 125 miles, and 378 new connections to mains supply were made.

MID-WESSEX WATER COMPANY'S AREA OF SUPPLY.

As mentioned in the Report for 1947, this Company has during the year 1948 laid new mains in Hollybush Ride, Barkham Ride (Finchampstead) and Pine Drive, and extended an existing main in a porton of Park Lane, Finchampstead.

The general adequacy of main water supply to the parishes of Wokingham Without and Finchampstead within this Company's area of supply is good.

There are very few roads without a main supply and these contain only a small number of scattered properties.

There are, of course, sections of roads where the mains have not yet been extended.

The position in regard to these Parishes is set out in the accompanying table of statistics relating to water supply in the District.

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STATISTICS RELATING TO WATER SUPPLIES IN THE DISTRICT.

	<i>No. of Dwelling Houses.</i>	<i>No. on R.D.C. Main Water Supply.</i>	<i>No. on other Companies Main Water Supplies.</i>	<i>No. not on Main Water.</i>
Arborfield & Newland	249	178		71
Barkham	197	145		52
Earley	1,401	814	548 Reading Borough Waterworks.	39
Finchampstead ...	588	4	411 Mid-Wessex Water Co.	173
Remenham	139	30	58 Henley Water Co.	51
Ruscombe	173	133		40
St. Nicholas, Hurst	373	252		121
Shinfield	992	897		95
Sonning	296	269		27
Swallowfield ...	468	331		137
Twyford	518	489		29
Wargrave	784	707		77
Winnersh	615	540		75
Wokingham Without	813	4	711 Mid-Wessex Water Co.	98
Woodley & Sandford	1,768	1,594		174
	<u>9,374</u>	<u>6,387</u>	<u>1,728</u>	<u>1,259</u>

Includes approximately 180/200 houses with standpipe supply available. The number of houses include 123 temporary dwellings.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Parishes of Wargrave and Sonning have had an existing sewerage system for many years and prior to the war, the Council embarked on schemes for extensive main drainage in the other most closely developed parts of the District, comprising parts of the Parishes of Earley and Sonning, Twyford, Lower Earley, Woodley and Winnersh. Due to the war it was not possible to start any substantial amount of work but since the war the Council

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has used every endeavour to expedite the execution of these schemes and the position now is that the first, Sonning and Erleigh Court Area, is practically completed together with the new sewage disposal works which is now in operation at Sonning. The task of connecting the houses to these new sewers has commenced and approximately fifteen have been connected out of a total of 787 which it is envisaged can be connected to the new sewers.

A good start has, moreover, been made on the second scheme which is designed to serve the Parish of Twyford and entails the construction of another new sewage disposal works at Wargrave. To this new works will also flow the sewage from the existing Wargrave drainage system.

The third scheme covers Woodley, Lower Earley and Winnersh and the Consulting Engineers' final drawings have been submitted to, and approved by the Council, with a view to the scheme being put out to tender as soon as the necessary Government permission can be obtained.

Whilst the Council's principal endeavours have been directed to these schemes of drainage, it is noteworthy that a number of smaller schemes have been put in hand in other Parishes.

In the Parish of Arborfield and Newland there is in an advanced state of preparation a scheme for sewers and sewage disposal works for a new housing estate in connection with which provision has been made for extensions to serve existing properties in the Arborfield Cross area.

In the Parish of Finchampstead advantage has been taken of the Easthampstead R.D.C.'s sewerage system to construct a short length of new sewer discharging into it sewage from three properties in Heatherdene Avenue.

In Shinfield, sewers and a new sewage disposal works have been constructed for the Council's housing estate at Oatlands Road and for approximately 35 other existing houses in this vicinity and wastes from the National Institute for Research in Dairying.

In Swallowfield also, works are in progress to serve a new Council housing estate at Bull Lane and 10 other existing houses in the locality.

In Wargrave a sewer has been constructed in Braybrooke Road as an extension of the existing system. This is being followed immediately by a further sewer to drain Sheeplands Farm and cottages.

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There is, in Winnersh, another Council housing estate at King Street and a sewer has been constructed for this and for approximately 20 existing adjoining houses, together with Messrs. Minneapolis Moline Limited's works. The construction of a small sewage works is in progress and temporary arrangements on the existing disposal site in King Street Lane have been made to deal with the sewage until the works are completed.

Opportunity was taken to provide main drainage facilities in connection with a hutted camp used for temporary housing at the R.A.F. Camp at Woodley. The sewage is pumped by a new pumping station recently constructed by rising main to the existing R.A.F. Sewage disposal works and negotiations are proceeding with the Air Ministry to take over the operation and maintenance of these works.

WET SCAVENGING.

A cesspool emptying service has been operated by the Council for many years and a special rate is levied for this purpose in the Parishes of Earley, Shinfield, Swallowfield, Twyford, Winnersh, Wokingham Without and Woodley, and a small proportionate charge is made in respect of the Parishes of Wargrave and Sonning for the emptying of cesspools outside the area sewered. In the Parish of Swallowfield the service is restricted to the area adjoining the Parish of Shinfield in the Spencers Wood vicinity and caters for 97 premises. In this part of Swallowfield and in the above Parishes cesspools are emptied without charge subject to the restriction that cesspool emptyings are not made more frequently than once in eight weeks. Even so, the demands on this service are very considerable, particularly in wet or wintry weather, although the gradually improved conditions since the war with regard to vehicles and vehicle repairs and maintenance has enabled more to be kept in service. The Council's fleet of emptiers now numbers twelve.

The increased efficiency of the service is reflected in the number of emptyings effected this year, i.e., 17,944 compared with 14,410 last year. The improved service mentioned in the last Report has thus been maintained this year and in view of the relief which will be given by the connection of premises to the Sonning and Erleigh Court main drainage scheme, the Council are consider-

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ing some corresponding extension of the wet scavenging area to other Parishes. At present (subject to the demands on the service in the areas where a special rate is levied), the emptying of cess-pools in the remainder of the District is undertaken on a chargeable basis where requests for it are received. In the past year 76 cess-pools were emptied under this arrangement.

DRY SCAVENGING AND SALVAGE.

There has been only a small increase in properties collected weekly during the last year owing to rising costs of labour. Collections have again been maintained to schedule, which is responsible for the continued yield of salvage in a reasonably satisfactory quantity.

The tipping has been strictly controlled and it was not found necessary to use any insecticide on any tip during the past year.

During the past year approximately 1,000 yards of path gravel has been excavated from the Watmore Lane tip and taken to Council houses.

The total weight of salvage sold during the year was 294.3 tons valued at £1,582 as compared with the previous year's total of 263.2 tons and £1,512.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Following is the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector for the year 1948:—

Council Offices,
Shute End,
Wokingham, Berks.

March, 1949.

Dr. W. B. Moore,

Medical Officer of Health,

“The Wilderness,” Maidenhead, Berks.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of presenting herewith my Report of work carried out during the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The total number of visits made during the year was 6,365, apportioned as below.

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Number of complaints received	413
„ „ Informal Notices served	258
„ „ „ „ „ complied with	245
„ „ visits in connection with infectious disease	...	...	...	...	170
„ „ „ „ „ water supply	...	...	...	...	297
„ „ „ „ „ drainage	...	...	...	...	387
„ „ samples of well water analysed	...	...	...	...	122
„ „ „ „ milk taken for bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	122
„ „ visits to dwelling houses	...	...	...	...	1,350
„ „ „ to moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	213
„ „ „ to factories	...	...	...	...	95
„ „ „ to shop premises	...	...	...	...	168
„ „ „ to cafes, restaurants and hotels, etc.	...	...	...	...	137
„ „ „ to bakehouses	...	...	...	...	26
„ „ „ to dairy farms and dairies	...	...	...	...	330
„ „ „ to butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	354
„ „ carcasses of pigs inspected slaughtered privately	...	...	...	...	407
„ „ visits to schools	...	...	...	...	48
„ „ miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	2,028
„ „ premises at which disinfestation for vermin was carried out	...	...	...	...	16

Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with:

Absence of satisfactory water supply	...	...	...	...	61
Defective well water pumps	...	...	...	...	4
„ water service pipes	...	...	...	...	1
„ covers to wells	...	...	...	...	3
„ drainage systems	...	...	...	...	92
„ cesspools	...	...	...	...	18
„ flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	12
„ water closets	...	...	...	...	5
„ manhole covers	...	...	...	...	10
„ E.C. accommodation	...	...	...	...	12
Absence of lavatory accommodation	...	...	...	...	3
Insanitary sinks	...	...	...	...	9
Dangerous structures	...	...	...	...	3
Dirty walls and ceilings	85
Defective plaster (walls and ceilings)	80
„ roofs	40
Damp premises	51

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Insufficient dustbins	12
Defective flooring	25
„ hot water installations	3
„ cooking ranges	4
„ window frames and sashes	36
„ eaves, gutters and stackpipes	18
„ coppers	6
„ chimney stacks and flues	11
„ door frames and sills	8
Absence of washing accommodation	2
Defective brickwork and pointing to walls	13
„ staircases	3
„ firegrates	5
Dirty tenants	3
Offensive accumulations	6
Verminous premises	15
Overhanging trees	4

ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

One notification was received during the year under this Order; the case was subsequently confirmed.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ORDER, 1928.

No notifications were received during the year under this Order.

WATER SAMPLES.

One hundred and twenty-two samples of water were taken for bacteriological analysis from private wells in various parts of the District, and the results may be classified as under:—

Satisfactory	55
Passable	4
Unsatisfactory	57
Doubtful	6

Appropriate action was taken with regard to the unsatisfactory samples by having the main supply laid on where available.

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FOOD INSPECTIONS.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register—

Wholesale Producers: Number of Farms	139
Retail Producers: Number of Farms	...	...	22
Retail Purveyors	...	...	13

Number Licensed—

		<i>Tuberculin Accredited. Tested.</i>	<i>Pasteurised.</i>
Producers	...	48	29
Producers and Retailers		7	2
Distributors (Retail Purveyors)	...	9	Nil
Supplementary	...	4	Nil
Total number of Dairy Farms	...	...	161
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926:			
Discovered	...	...	13
Remedied	...	...	4
Number of Inspections	...	...	330

MILK SAMPLING.

During the year under review 122 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological and biological examination. The results are classified in the Tables given below:—

No. of samples taken	...	...	61
No. of samples submitted for Methylene Blue Test	...	...	49
Satisfactory	...	...	45
Unsatisfactory	...	...	4
No. of samples submitted for Tubercle Examination	...	...	25
Positive	...	...	5
Negative	...	...	20

SCHOOL SAMPLES.

No. of samples taken	...	...	61
No. of samples submitted for Methylene Blue Test	...	...	58
Satisfactory	...	...	46
Unsatisfactory	...	...	12
No. of samples submitted for Tubercle Examination	15
Positive	1
Negative	14

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Upon receipt of a report that tubercle bacilli is found in a sample of milk, the County Medical Officer of Health and the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture are informed and arrangements are immediately made with the Milk Marketing Board for the milk from the infected farm to be diverted to a depot which has a pasteurisation plant.

This arrangement is maintained until a report is received from the County Medical Officer that the particular herds are clear of infection.

It will be observed that during the year 40 samples were submitted for tubercle examination and 6 positive results were received—15%.

ICE-CREAM SAMPLING.

During the year 30 samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination. The results of these samples are classified under the Provisional Grades adopted by the Public Health Laboratory Service, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health.

No. of samples of Ice-cream	Grade 1	...	...	14
„ „ „ „ „	Grade 2	...	...	4
„ „ „ „ „	Grade 3	...	...	5
„ „ „ „ „	Grade 4	...	...	7

Grades 3 and 4 are not regarded as satisfactory.

When results are received that a vendor's sample has fallen below Grade 2, he has been visited and the methods of production, etc., are checked over and further samples have been taken. The subsequent samples have invariably been satisfactory.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 18 Bakehouses in the District. Informal Notices were issued in respect of the following matters:—

Contraventions under Factory Act discovered	...	1
„ „ „ „ remedied	4

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BUTCHERS' PREMISES.

Three hundred and fifty-four visits were made to Butchers' premises for the purpose of inspecting meat for sale and in connection with Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

UN SOUND FOOD.

Beef (English) ...	29 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.	Corned Beef ...	90 tins
Beef (Imported) ...	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Milk ...	339 tins
Mutton ...	28 lbs.	Meat ...	10 tins
Lambs Tongues ...	7 lbs.	Peas ...	12 tins
Pork ...	86 lbs.	Jam ...	4 tins
Bacon ...	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Fish ...	5 tins
Fish ...	355 lbs.	Beans ...	5 tins
Chicken ...	11 lbs.	Grapefruit ...	26 tins
Herring Roes ...	84 lbs.	Miscellaneous ...	101 tins
Margarine ...	29 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Pickles ...	8 jars
Cooking Fat ...	168 lbs.	Fish Cakes ...	69 jars
Flour ...	13 lbs.	Corn Flakes ...	4 pkts.
Semolina ...	43 lbs.	Poultry Dressing	4 pkts.
Custard Powder ...	20 lbs.		
Egg Substitute ...	25 lbs.		
Sugar ...	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.		
Confectionery ...	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.		
Dried Fruit ...	16 lbs.		
Potatoes ...	13,440 lbs.		
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6 tons 8 cwts. 77 lbs.			
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In addition to the above the carcasses of 407 pigs slaughtered by owners for their own consumption were inspected, and it was gratifying to find very little evidence of disease.

There are no slaughter-houses at present in use in this District, where animals are slaughtered and the meat sold to the public. All meat for sale is received from the County Borough of Reading.

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RODENT CONTROL.

Wokingham Borough and this Rural District are still amalgamated for this purpose. There is a joint Committee, who are responsible to both Councils for the working of this Scheme. This Committee consists of four members appointed by each Council and the meetings are held bi-monthly.

There was a change in personnel during the year—the Rodent Officer and an operator resigned and their places were filled by Mr. Carr as Rodent Officer and Mr. Sykes as operator. The staff, therefore, still consists of three.

The survey and disinfestation of the two outstanding Parishes mentioned in the 1947 Report, was completed in 1948. The Block Control System is still in operation.

Free treatment is still being given to all private dwelling-houses, but a charge to cover actual expenses is made for all business premises. All Council undertakings, both in the Borough of Wokingham and in this Rural District are periodically visited.

The sewers in both Districts have also been bait tested in accordance with instructions laid down, and poison baits laid where found necessary.

Below is a summary of work carried out during the year:—

Number of premises visited	...	...	...	...	5,039
„ „ „ found infested	...	...	...	...	855
„ „ „ cleared	...	...	...	...	613
„ „ visits in connection with the above	3,455

(Signed) W. L. LONGHURST,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

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HOUSING.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

Total plans deposited	567
No. of plans for new dwellings or additional units of accommodation	126
No. of plans rejected for various defects under Byelaws, Public Health Act, 1936, or Water Act, 1945	...	...	...	...	...	6
No. of plans rejected under the Town and Country Planning Acts	...	...	...	...	...	7
No. of dwellings completed by Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	25
No. of dwellings under construction on 31st December, 1948	...	...	...	...	...	48

COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES.

HOUSING POSITION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1948.

					<i>Dwellings.</i>	
No. of pre-war traditional houses	...	...	...	...	402	
No. of Agricultural houses erected 1943/4	...	...	...	...	8	
No. of post-war dwellings completed and occupied:—						
3-bedroom traditional houses	...	...	...	...	98	
2-bedroom bungalows	...	...	...	...	6	
1-bedroom bungalows	...	...	...	...	4	
1-bedroom flats	...	...	...	...	12	
3-bedroom Swedish timber houses	...	...	...	...	4	
2-bedroom Swedish timber houses	...	...	...	...	6	130
No. of Ex-WD. hutments adapted for temporary housing purposes in six camps	...	...	...	...	121	
No. of families housed in requisitioned property	...	...	...	...	81	202
Total number of families accommodated	...	...	...	...		742
No. of traditional houses under construction at 31.12.48	...	...	...	...		80
Further development proposed on two existing sites	...	...	...	...		34
Further development proposed on six new sites	...	...	...	...		65
Total number of houses proposed	...	...	...	...		99
No. of applicants for accommodation on Council's waiting list (including licensees of temporary dwellings)		1,079

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During the past two years all pre-war houses have been externally painted. The two remaining sites which were supplied by well water have now been connected to the main water supply. The Council are now considering the possibility of wiring all pre-war houses for electric light. All post-war houses have electricity and some have a gas supply as well.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows:—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	346
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	864
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ...	45
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	86
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	7
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	272

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:*

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	225
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year:*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
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(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :

(a) By Owners Nil

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts:*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 5

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

(a) By Owners 4

(b) By Local Authority in default Nil

C. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil

(2) Number of dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil

D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:* Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 42

(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 73

(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 274

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 24

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 19

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 144

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report Nil

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ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>M/c line No.</i> (2)	<i>Number on Register</i> (3)	<i>Number of</i>		
			<i>Inspections</i> (4)	<i>Written notices</i> (5)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	14	20	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	69	75	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL		83	95	5	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	M/c line No.	No of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosec't'ns were instituted
		Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insp'tor	By H.M. Insp'tor	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient ...	9	3	3	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	1	1	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not in- cluding offences re- lating to Homework)	12	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	60	5	5	—	2	—

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PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111).

<i>Nature of Work</i> (1)	<i>M/c line No.</i> (2)	Section 110			Section 111		
		<i>No. of out- workers in August list req'd by Sect. 110 (1) (c)</i> (3)	<i>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council</i> (4)	<i>No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists</i> (5)	<i>No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises</i> (6)	<i>Not- ices serv- ed</i> (7)	<i>Pro- secu- t'ns.</i> (8)
Wearing apparel : Making, etc. ...	13	5	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	5	—	—	—	—	—

